

RIO GRANDE COUNTY ARRA FUNDING AND PROJECTS

- ❖ **Based on the latest information available to the Governor's Office.** This report is not comprehensive because new Recovery Act awards are announced frequently. This does not include funds - including income tax cuts, increased COBRA benefits, increased funds to cover Medicaid services and others - that cannot be broken down by county. The numbers below represent funds that have been awarded and are expected to be received over the life of the Recovery Act. The funds are distributed to a wide range of groups in the county and do not necessarily touch county government.

COMMUNITY SERVICES / SAFETY NET:

- \$200,428** Community Services Block grant to the San Luis Valley Community Action Agency, which serves Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties, for poverty reduction and revitalization of low-income communities. SLVCAA will work with local employment agencies, public school districts, and local higher education facilities to provide education or continuing education to local residents to prepare for employment opportunities in the area.
- \$266,730.46** Extra 13 percent in food stamp benefits to about 2,300 people in Rio Grande County between April 1- October 31, 2009.
- \$5,729** Grant to Supermarkets, Inc. to distribute emergency food to households and provide meals to needy people.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- \$11,284** Justice Assistance grant to Monte Vista for law enforcement programs

TRANSPORTATION:

- \$7,523,354** Grant to resurface US 160 between Shaw Creek and Del Norte in asphalt (phase 2)
- \$1,468,886** Grant to resurface US 160 between Shaw Creek and Del Norte in asphalt

WORKFORCE SERVICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

- \$573,152** Workforce Investment Act Funds for job training to the South Central County Region, which includes Alamosa, Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, and Las Animas counties.
- \$244,678** Wagner Peyser (WP) & Reemployment Services (RES) to the South Central County Region, which includes Alamosa, Saguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, and Las Animas counties.
- \$982,100** Extra 20 weeks of benefits, through the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, for 217 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Rio Grande County

\$324,275 Extra \$25 per week in unemployment benefits through the Federal Additional Compensation program, for 587 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Rio Grande County.

\$108,168 Additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through a new state law given to 49 people as of June 30, 2010 in Rio Grande County

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:

\$651,706 Estimated funds to be spent for free energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes in Rio Grande County.

\$150,000 Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to the Colorado State University Extension Service for energy efficiency upgrades to buildings in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties.

\$4,323,162 Grant to rehabilitate the Summitville Superfund site. The contract was awarded to Moltz Construction in Salida. About \$1.7 million will be used this fall to construct the foundation for the new water treatment plant.

\$500,000 Colorado State Forest Service awarded Rocky Mountain Timer Products, Inc. in Del Norte to create 14 new jobs for 22 months. The funding will allow them to restart their business and retain customers that have already made commitments to purchase their products.

\$220,000 Grant for improvements at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge.

\$875 Rebate for 6 people in Rio Grande County for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances, including dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, and boilers.

EDUCATION:

\$492,867 Title I funds for Rio Grande County schools (Del Norte C-7, Monte Vista C-8, Sargent Re-33J) with high percentages of low-income students

\$15,483 Grant to improve school lunch services in Rio Grande County schools.

\$200,000 Title II-D competitive funds to the San Luis Valley BOCES for technology improvements in 14 school districts including Del Norte C-7, Monte Vista C-8, and Sargent Re-33J.

\$80,000 McKinney Vento Title X funds to the San Luis Valley BOCES for services to children at risk of homelessness in 14 school districts including Del Norte C-7, Monte Vista C-8, and Sargent Re-33J.

\$1,563,664 IDEA Part B funds to the San Luis Valley BOCES for services to disabled children in 14 school districts including Del Norte C-7, Monte Vista C-8, and Sargent Re-33J.

\$55,594	IDEA funds to the San Luis Valley BOCES for services to disabled pre-school children in 14 school districts including Del Norte C-7, Monte Vista C-8, and Sargent Re-33J.
\$8,816	Grant to improve school lunch services in the Del Norte C-school district
\$38,698	Federal grant to the Rio Grande Child Development/Family Services for cost of living adjustments and quality improvements

HOUSING:

\$104,160	Section 8 Housing Assistance payments to the Monte Vista Community Center Housing Authority
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SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

\$84,870	Lower-fee loan to C.N. Ziegler Inc. through the U.S. Small Business Administration.
\$29,700	Lower-fee loan to Banner Day Studios through the U.S. Small Business Administration.
\$27,000	Lower-fee loan to Niederquell, Inc. dba Mark's Carpet through the U.S. Small Business Administration.